

sincere and earnest in their efforts to clean up Chicago for the benefit of the people.

I think a lot of self-appointed "leaders" are going to get badly fooled when they rush out in front and yell, "Come on, girls," and try to stampede the woman vote.

The women will insist on cleaner politics and cleaner government, of course, but there will be less hypocrisy in their politics than there has been in that of the men.

And now that the men will have to pay attention to what the women want in appealing for their support, I think the men will find that they will have to play cleaner politics and give the people cleaner government.

We will have new political leaders, too. They will come from the ranks of women, and some of them will be women whose names have never appeared in the society columns of our best-kept newspapers. Instead, they will be women who know what real life is—what work is, what want is and what suffering is.

And women who have grown soft lolling in luxury will come in contact with real life by coming in touch with real women; and it will make better women of both of them. For there will be a wiping out of imaginary class distinction as women touch elbows and get acquainted.

Men have made such a rotten mess of politics that representative government in this land of the free and home of the brave is a tragic joke; and the men have had generations in which to learn. So we can't expect the women to be perfect politically all at once.

But I firmly believe they will catch on so quick it will make the male heads swim. Women will see some things with their keen intuition that you can't hammer into a man's head with a pile driver; and one of the first things they will see through is the rotten hypocrisy of the brand of politics and misrepresentative government we have been getting in Chicago under the sole guardianship of the lords of creation.

So I say to the woman voters: Welcome to our city; we've needed you for years and years and years.

TO-DAY'S ODD NEWS

Kittaning, Pa.—Mrs. Margaret Reedy was disrobed by a freight train when Camden Cook, watchman, saved her life. Only her feelings were hurt.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—High Constable Martsof of Westview borough arrested five joyriders and took them to the lockup. When he came to he had one woman prisoner, but the men were gone.

McKeesport, Pa.—A member of the city fire department is accused of shirking work at a \$40,000 fire because his trousers had just been pressed and creased. It is a paid department.

Bryan, Ohio.—Mrs. Elizabeth Maugherman, who for years has smoked nearly all the time while about home, is dead at the age of 108.

New York.—Mrs. Julius Hoffmeister gave birth to twins at 10:13 Friday, the 13th, 1913. The combined weight of the twins is 13 pounds.

Paris.—Aviator Thomas and Captain Davis, whose aeroplanes collided in an air contest each filed a \$20,000 damage suit against the other.

Sydney, N. S. W.—Fifteen women were fined \$2.50 each in police court at Perth for wearing protruding hats without guards.

Berlin.—Parasols and blouses as attire for men have been received enthusiastically.